

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

- 1     1.       (twice amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public  
2     switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:  
3             a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-  
4     lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-  
5     cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic  
6     normally carried by the PSTN between two or more central offices, tandem switches or  
7     other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 7 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

- 1     7.       (twice amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave net-  
2     work which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the steps  
3     of:  
4             (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,  
5               said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;  
6             (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-  
7     fice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between  
8     two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incum-  
9     bent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

- 1     8.     (twice amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public  
2     switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:  
3             a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-  
4     lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-  
5     cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic  
6     normally carried by the PSTN between one or more central offices, tandem switches or  
7     other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or  
8     more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier  
9     other than said ILEC.

Please replace claim 14 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

- 1     14.    (twice amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave net-  
2     work which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the steps  
3     of:  
4            (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,  
5                said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;  
6            (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-  
7     fice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between  
8     one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incum-  
9     bent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or  
other premises controlled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.